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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Michael C. Barney *et al.*
Serial No.: 09/664,519
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For: USE OF HOP ACIDS TO INHIBIT GROWTH OF
STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS AND PREVENT
TOXIC SHOCK SYNDROME
12/24/03 Examiner: Chih Min Kam
CHK Group Art Unit: 1653

DECLARATION

Commissioner for Patents
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1. I am the first named inventor for the above-identified patent application.
2. I read the comments in the Advisory Action of October 16, 2003 regarding U.S. Patent No. 5,082,975 to Todd *et al.* showing that "HHC [hexahydrocolupulone] at high concentration (50-200 ppm) inhibits the growth of certain lactobacilli." The Advisory Action concludes that "therefore, if the concentration of HHC is reduced to a lower concentration such as in the range of 0.2-25 ppm, the inhibition of the growth of lactobacilli would be lessened, which allows the growth of lactobacilli."
3. Without the benefit of the experiments that I or others working under my supervision conducted and that are reported in the above-identified patent application, it